

# COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE NETWORK

*Children, Family & Futures*

## BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY NETWORK

### MINUTES

April 19, 2004

Parks and Recreation Community Room

41220 Park Avenue

Big Bear Lake, CA

#### **In Attendance:**

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#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed and self-introductions were made.

#### **2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

The guest speaker just called and advised she would not be able to attend the meeting today. Also, Sue Taylor has the day off.

#### **3. Approval of March Minutes**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **4. Guest Speaker: Linda McLeod of the Parole and Community Services Division regarding Parole Orientation – Was unable to make the meeting.**

#### **5. Guest Speaker: Susan Taylor, Children's Network – Child Abuse Prevention Month and Fun in the Sun Campaign – Susan Melanson will fill in for Sue.**

- The April Child Abuse Prevention campaign is winding down
- The Fun in the Sun Campaign will be starting on May 31<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Day and will run through Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Unfortunately, there has already been drownings reported, and The Fun in the Sun Campaign will be working to raise community awareness about water safety

- Please sign up for a master set of materials for distribution during summer months and let Sue Taylor know where you have distributed materials so that she can note them on her Master Event Calendar. That information is used for purposes of reporting outcomes for Children's Network.
- Susan mentioned some educational methods to help keep drowning incidents down such as the use and instructions of the water watcher tag.
- The Water Watcher Tag is especially helpful information to be used in hospital lobbies, so Susan will make sure a supply is delivered to the Bear Valley Community Health Care attention: Mary Norman.
- For small orders of materials, please visit our office at the County Government Center, 385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, San Bernardino or for large orders, please submit request and we will have you pick up materials at our warehouse. We can also inter-office materials to county agencies for your convenience.
- Many titles of the materials are available in Spanish
- Children's Network is the Child Abuse Prevention Council for San Bernardino County and is a partner with 5 other southern counties forming a coalition: San Diego; Riverside; Imperial; and Orange.
- The purpose of the Coalition with the 5 counties is: to put out a consistent theme on child abuse prevention; publicize events throughout the 5 counties; and the ability to purchase large quantities of child abuse prevention items at a lower rate.
- The Children's Network Annual Conference will be held September 29 & 30 at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario.
- Dr. Ira Chasnoff will be keynote speaker at the conference
- Susan gave a short overview of Dr. Chasnoff's focus
- Susan distributed a questionnaire for Community Action Partnership; please return it to her prior to May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The purpose of the Community Action Partnership survey is to gather information for their strategic plan.

## **6. Handouts and Round Table Discussion**

Eileen Hofer of Lutheran Social Services Family Resource Center:

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a Cinco De Mayo celebration at the local hospital. Susan mentioned it would be a good idea to send some of our child abuse prevention materials in Spanish to the hospital to be distributed at the event.
- Community event at the Hospital May 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.
- Caregiver trainings at hospital May 15<sup>th</sup> (limited space contact Eileen ASAP)
- Caregiver conference at Northwoods, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. to approx 3 p.m.
- All free events
- Flyers will be available soon

Mary Jaquish of First 5 San Bernardino

- Susan reminded the group to please review the funding opportunities included in this months' agenda packets.

Pat Miller of the Hummingbird Project:

- Adventure Club Easter Party was success, gave away 300 stuffed animals and toys
- Received \$5,000 grant for backpacks and paper supplies, haircut vouchers
- Pat asked what would be a good idea to get the word out to low income families?  
Answer: Tanya Perry mentioned the school district mails out materials for free or reduced lunches for the low-income families and could include a flyer about backpacks, paper supplies, and haircuts available at the Hummingbird Project.
- The question was asked how could 96 preschoolers benefit from the supplies mentioned above? Answer: Suggestion made was to contact Roberta York, Preschool Services Department to see if she could assist.

Mary Norman of Bear Valley Community Health Care:

- There was some discussion about some Healthy Start families could be eligible for Healthy Families.
- Mary mentioned there is no IEHP insurance for Managed Medi-Cal patients in Big Bear.
- The Community Health Care District is putting on an event for the public on September 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 p.m.
- The Family Fun Night is September 13<sup>th</sup> at Parks and Recreation from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Announcement: A state approved Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) class will be starting in May, 2004 with classes Monday through Friday and completion after 6 weeks.

Nancy Nunes-Gill of SBCSS Preschools:

- Water Safety Workshop May 1<sup>st</sup> at Fort Irwin, 37041 Rhinehead Dr., Fort Irwin, CA 92310 – the event will be a Children's Fair and Community Resource event.
- Susan suggested a good item for this event would be the Water Watcher's Tag – Nancy suggested she would need probably 200 pieces of any child abuse prevention materials we could assist her with.

Linda Porras of Reproductive Health, Department of Public Health:

- If you need a speaker on reproductive health please call (909) 388-5701
- Linda distributed bookmarks that advertise Inland Empire 2004 Health Summits
- Linda mentioned that every other Monday a Public Health Nurse is available in Big Bear City
- There are still some free gifts available for those people who schedule Public Health appointments and for those whom refer others for appointments
- Linda mentioned that San Bernardino County promotes the safely surrendered baby law. (The purpose is to make sure the child is not thrown away, the child can be surrendered after birth up to 72 hours at a Sheriff's or Police Station.

Tanya Perry of Healthy Start:

- Tanya applied for \$15,000 through the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for a Family Support Program.
- If awarded, she plans to use the funding for Family Advisors.
- Tanya thanked everyone whom turned in his or her letters of support to her by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Tanya is working on writing a proposal for a First 5 Grant funding dealing with parenting resources and education. The due date is May 7, 2004.
- Just a reminder that the Family Fun Night will be September 13<sup>th</sup>. The applications will be out soon, since the deadline for applications will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**7. Next Meeting Date: May 17, 2004**  
**Parks and Rec. Community Room**  
**41220 Park Ave, Big Bear Lake**

Respectfully Submitted

Tammy Williams, Children's Network  
Bear Valley Community Network Recording Secretary

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